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IMPLEMENTATION OF COCONUT MISSION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken to implement the Coconut Mission declared byHon`ble Prime Minister last year at Kumarakom, Kottayam, Kerala; and

(b) the total amount spent for the implementation of the Technology Mission?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): The Coconut Development Board prepared a draft report of TechnologyMission on Coconut which was thoroughly discussed in a meeting with all stake holders in the coconut industry including representatives of coconut producing States. The participating State Governments were requested to give their suggestions, if any, for further modification. Suggestions were received only from Government of Kerala. For coordinating the efforts of various organizations and build up synergy through vertical and horizontal integration among them and bridge the technology gaps through new programmes, the proposal for Technology Mission on coconut including programmes to largely address issues which have not been attended to under the on- going programmes has been prepared for implementation during remaining parts of the year 2001-2002, the last years of the IX Plan. The proposal has been sent to Planning Commission for their approval in principle. The Mission has been structured to address issues relating to development of technologies for management of insect, pest and diseases affected gardens; product diversification and market promotion; and demonstration and adoption of technologies with focused attention.